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CHANGES MADE

Amend the following paragraph(s):

[0016] -- Other features and advantages of the present invention will be more readily apparent upon reading the following description of currently preferred exemplified embodiments of the invention with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which:

the sole FIGURE FIG. 1 is a bottom and side perspective illustration of one embodiment of a container according to the present invention; and

FIG. 2 is a bottom and side perspective illustration of another embodiment of a container according to the present invention --.

-- The depicted embediment is embodiments are to be understood as illustrative of the invention and not as limiting in any way. It should also be understood that the drawings are not necessarily to scale and that the embodiments are sometimes illustrated by graphic symbols, phantom lines, diagrammatic representations and fragmentary views. In certain instances, details which are not necessary for an understanding of the present invention or which render other details difficult to perceive may have been omitted.--.

[0018] -- Turning now to the FIGURE FIG. 1, there is shown a bottom and side perspective illustration of a container or tray according to the present

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invention, generally designated by reference numeral 1, for transport of an article, such as a baggage item along a not shown baggage handling system in an airport. The container 1 has a container body with a topside with an inwardly arched surface (trough or cup-shaped opening) which receives the baggage item and holds it securely and stably, as the container 1 is moved by the baggage handling system. As the container 1 is shown in the FIGURE from the below, the topside thereof is not visible.--.

[0020] -- The sidewalls 5a, 5b extend in mirror-symmetrical relationship to the longitudinal axis L of the container 1 and are outwardly curved in such a manner that a greatest distance between the sidewalls 5a, 5b is defined approximately in mid-section of the container 1. In the leading and trailing zones, as viewed in transport direction F, the sidewalls 5a, 5b and thus the passageway 5 widen gradually outwards to exhibit a funnel-shaped expansion 8 in the leading and trailing zones. Although not shown in detail As shown in FIG. 2, it is, of course, also conceivable within the scope of the present invention to inwardly curve the sidewalls 5a, 5b of the container 1 in such a manner that a smallest distance between the sidewalls 5a, 5b is defined approximately in mid-section of the container 1.--.